

AN ACT concerning utilities.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding Section 8-209 as follows:

(220 ILCS 5/8-209 new)

Sec. 8-209. Utility credit reporting. If a public utility reports a customer to a credit reporting agency for non-payment of an outstanding utility bill, then a public utility shall notify the credit reporting agency within 5 business days of any full payment made with certified funds or cash. For the purposes of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, certified funds means instruments that are guaranteed by the issuing institution or have cleared the issuing institution.